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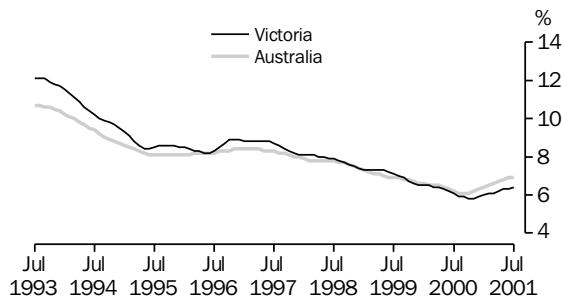
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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT	Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals, e.g. Christmas and Easter.	
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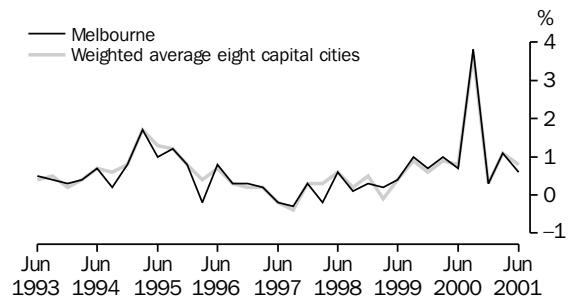
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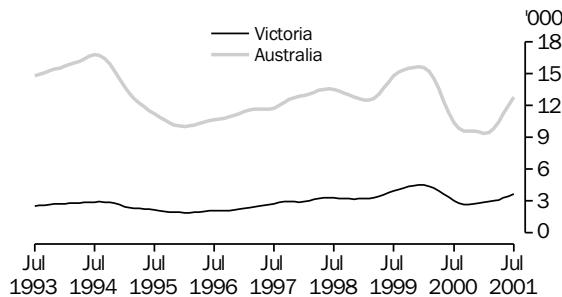
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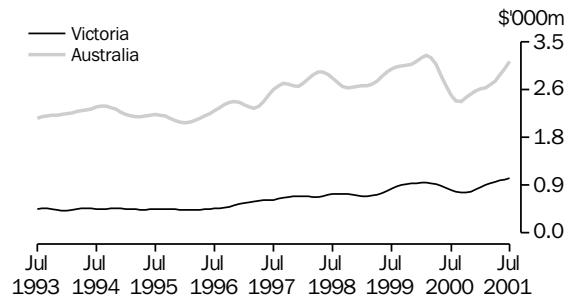
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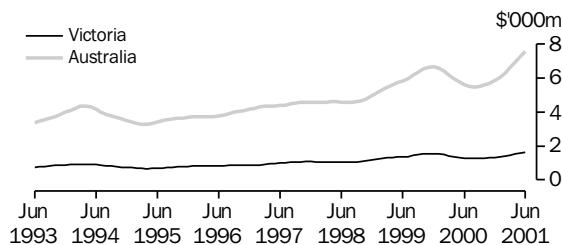
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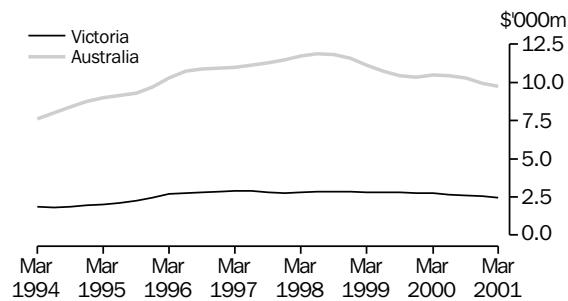
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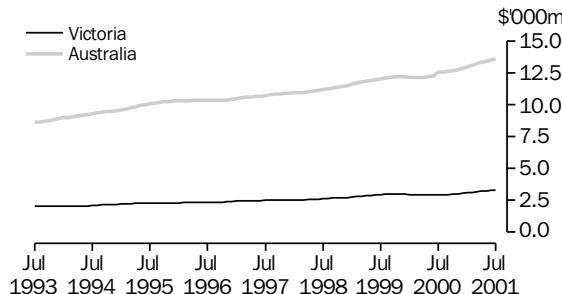
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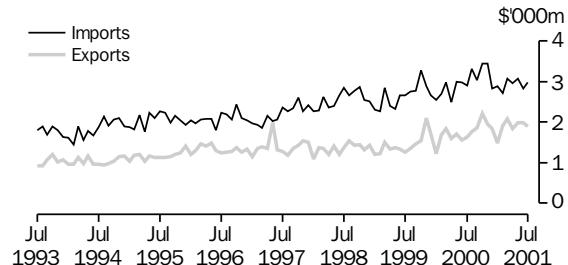
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural '000	Total '000	
1997-98	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	27.7	49.7	3 367.0
1998-99	2 328.1	2 379.5	4 707.6	27.1	52.7	3 413.9
1999-2000 p	2 358.9	2 407.0	4 765.9	26.8	58.3	3 466.0
1998						
December qtr	2 315.6	2 368.5	4 684.1	6.8	15.1	..
1999						
March qtr	2 322.7	2 374.5	4 697.2	7.7	13.1	..
June qtr	2 328.1	2 379.5	4 707.6	6.4	10.4	..
September qtr p	2 336.0	2 386.2	4 722.2	6.2	14.6	..
December qtr p	2 343.2	2 393.5	4 736.7	6.3	14.5	..
2000						
March qtr p	2 352.3	2 401.4	4 753.7	7.2	17.0	..
June qtr p	2 358.9	2 407.0	4 765.9	7.0	12.2	..
September qtr p (b)	2 368.0	2 414.9	4 782.9	6.2	17.0	..
December qtr p (b)	2 375.5	2 421.9	4 797.4	6.2	14.5	..

(a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Division boundaries.

(b) Special arrangements were put in place to obtain overseas migration data for September and December quarters 2000 and, as a consequence, the estimated resident population (ERP) at 30 September and 30 December 2000. Further information is available in December quarter 2000, *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no 3101.0) and *Demography Working Paper 2001/1 — Estimating July to December 2000 Net Overseas Migration*, available on the ABS website <http://www.abs.gov.au>.

Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).**2**

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Registrations			Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population					Infant deaths per 1,000 live births	
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)		Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	
		no.	no.			no.	no.	rate	rate	
1997-98	60 143	32 423	25 955	11 916	13.00	7.01	5.61	2.58	4.86	
1998-99	59 374	32 298	26 351	12 579	12.68	6.90	5.63	2.69	5.36	
1999-2000 p	58 040	31 239	27 541	12 818	12.25	6.60	5.81	2.71	(a)4.65	
1998										
March qtr	14 577	7 169	8 530	2 663	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 870	8 097	6 070	2 908	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr	15 197	8 984	3 912	3 188	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr	14 648	7 850	7 860	3 548	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1998	59 292	32 100	26 372	12 307	12.74	6.90	5.67	2.64	4.82	
1999										
March qtr	14 939	7 259	8 657	2 738	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 590	8 205	5 922	3 105	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr	p 14 965	p 8 747	4 211	3 461	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr	p 14 554	p 8 220	8 462	3 438	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1999	p 59 048	p 32 431	27 252	12 742	p 12.54	p 6.89	5.79	2.71	5.62	
2000										
March qtr p	14 191	6 978	8 678	2 733	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	14 330	7 294	6 190	3 186	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	14 633	8 403	3 940	3 088	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 520	9 356	8 024	3 396	—	—	—	—	—	
Year—2000 p	58 674	32 031	26 832	12 403	p 12.31	p 6.72	5.63	2.6	(a)3.61	

(a) Infant deaths are understated due to incomplete identification of age at death data. Rates will be revised when calendar year numbers are finalised.

Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

	Employed		Unemployed looking for work		Labour force	Not in labour force	15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time					
	'000	'000	'000	'000					
MALES									
2000									
May	1 092.3	1 256.7	74.7	15.7	90.5	1 347.2	517.1	1 864.3	6.7
June	1 089.2	1 262.1	65.4	14.5	79.9	1 342.0	524.5	1 866.5	6.0
July	1 114.8	1 287.5	60.4	10.7	71.1	1 358.5	510.5	1 869.0	5.2
August	1 093.3	1 267.7	64.9	17.5	82.4	1 350.0	521.5	1 871.5	6.1
September	1 116.9	1 289.4	70.0	15.0	85.0	1 374.4	499.7	1 874.1	6.2
October	1 125.3	1 296.2	68.6	10.8	79.4	1 375.6	501.5	1 877.1	5.8
November	1 132.4	1 299.1	66.8	13.7	80.6	1 379.6	500.5	1 880.1	5.8
December	1 151.2	1 318.0	67.4	19.5	86.9	1 404.9	478.2	1 883.1	6.2
2001									
January	1 124.0	1 294.4	70.7	14.2	84.9	1 379.2	506.8	1 886.0	6.2
February	1 134.5	1 313.6	75.1	14.4	89.6	1 403.2	485.7	1 888.9	6.4
March	1 114.6	1 292.1	68.4	19.6	88.0	1 380.1	511.7	1 891.8	6.4
April	1 122.2	1 304.2	67.5	21.3	88.8	1 393.0	501.2	1 894.3	6.4
May	1 115.9	1 301.7	61.5	21.4	82.8	1 384.5	512.2	1 896.8	6.0
June	1 107.5	1 302.5	65.0	14.9	80.0	1 382.5	516.8	1 899.3	5.8
July	1 106.5	1 301.8	66.3	16.3	82.6	1 384.4	517.4	1 901.8	6.0
FEMALES									
2000									
May	544.2	992.8	45.5	22.9	68.4	1 061.3	882.2	1 943.4	6.4
June	563.1	1 014.3	41.6	20.2	61.8	1 076.1	869.2	1 945.3	5.7
July	575.3	1 022.2	39.5	23.2	62.7	1 084.9	862.9	1 947.8	5.8
August	550.4	1 005.0	39.1	18.6	57.7	1 062.7	887.6	1 950.3	5.4
September	568.6	1 024.5	41.6	24.6	66.2	1 090.7	862.0	1 952.8	6.1
October	571.4	1 011.4	33.3	23.6	56.9	1 068.3	887.0	1 955.3	5.3
November	559.2	999.4	35.3	17.8	53.1	1 052.4	905.3	1 957.8	5.0
December	577.7	1 014.9	33.9	22.9	56.8	1 071.8	888.5	1 960.3	5.3
2001									
January	566.7	982.7	39.7	24.4	64.0	1 046.8	915.9	1 962.7	6.1
February	572.5	1 002.0	42.6	33.9	76.5	1 078.5	886.5	1 965.0	7.1
March	568.0	1 013.7	37.7	36.0	73.7	1 087.4	880.0	1 967.4	6.8
April	563.4	1 006.4	41.8	25.3	67.1	1 073.5	895.8	1 969.3	6.3
May	561.9	1 011.3	46.8	27.8	74.6	1 085.9	885.4	1 971.3	6.9
June	551.9	1 019.6	41.7	24.7	66.4	1 086.0	887.3	1 973.3	6.1
July	559.0	1 019.1	42.6	22.4	64.9	1 084.0	891.4	1 975.4	6.0
PERSONS									
2000									
May	1 636.5	2 249.6	120.3	38.6	158.9	2 408.4	1 399.3	3 807.7	6.6
June	1 652.3	2 276.4	107.1	34.7	141.7	2 418.1	1 393.7	3 811.8	5.9
July	1 690.1	2 309.7	99.9	33.9	133.8	2 443.4	1 373.4	3 816.8	5.5
August	1 643.7	2 272.7	104.0	36.1	140.0	2 412.7	1 409.1	3 821.8	5.8
September	1 685.5	2 313.9	111.7	39.6	151.2	2 465.2	1 361.7	3 826.8	6.1
October	1 696.7	2 307.6	101.9	34.4	136.3	2 443.9	1 388.5	3 832.4	5.6
November	1 691.6	2 298.4	102.1	31.5	133.6	2 432.1	1 405.8	3 837.9	5.5
December	1 728.9	2 332.9	101.3	42.4	143.7	2 476.7	1 366.7	3 843.4	5.8
2001									
January	1 690.7	2 277.1	110.4	38.6	148.9	2 426.0	1 422.6	3 848.7	6.1
February	1 707.1	2 315.6	117.8	48.3	166.1	2 481.7	1 372.2	3 853.9	6.7
March	1 682.6	2 305.7	106.2	55.6	161.7	2 467.5	1 391.7	3 859.2	6.6
April	1 685.6	2 310.7	109.3	46.6	155.9	2 466.6	1 397.0	3 863.6	6.3
May	1 677.8	2 313.0	108.2	49.2	157.4	2 470.4	1 397.7	3 868.1	6.4
June	1 659.4	2 322.1	106.8	39.7	146.4	2 468.5	1 404.1	3 872.6	5.9
July	1 665.5	2 320.9	108.8	38.7	147.5	2 468.4	1 408.8	3 877.2	6.0

(a) From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Although the impact on core labour force series has been minor, revisions have been made to estimates previously published in this table to ensure continuity. The revised series were released on 3 May 2001. *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (Cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (Cat. no. 6232.0).

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

Industry division	Feb 2000 '000	May 2000 '000	Aug 2000 '000	Nov 2000 '000	Feb 2001 '000	May 2001 '000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	56.6	63.2	62.3	61.7	58.1	61.9
Mining	5.1	7.4	5.4	5.5	4.8	*3.5
Manufacturing	255.5	256.0	264.3	274.6	264.8	260.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.1	14.2	12.2	12.4	11.8	13.3
Construction	136.3	140.5	140.4	148.7	143.4	137.9
Wholesale trade	77.6	76.9	71.9	71.0	69.4	74.9
Retail trade	166.0	163.8	149.4	151.4	163.0	171.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	46.2	46.0	41.8	51.7	50.2	49.6
Transport and storage	71.8	72.8	72.7	78.3	82.0	80.8
Communication services	35.7	38.2	37.8	38.1	39.2	40.9
Finance and insurance	42.7	38.7	42.2	39.4	44.8	42.1
Property and business services	144.5	143.6	157.8	165.7	165.0	147.7
Government administration and defence	34.3	29.3	31.6	34.0	40.4	37.6
Education	48.0	44.2	47.5	42.1	47.9	52.2
Health and community services	41.5	44.0	50.9	48.8	52.7	50.3
Cultural and recreational services	31.7	32.4	35.5	31.2	32.8	32.0
Personal and other services	50.0	43.6	42.2	42.6	40.3	45.5
Total(b)	1 257.2	1 256.7	1 267.7	1 299.1	1 313.6	1 301.7
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	25.8	29.2	30.1	30.8	33.9	30.2
Mining	*1.4	*2.0	*2.0	*0.5	*0.6	*0.3
Manufacturing	101.6	108.1	105.9	106.1	100.5	104.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.4	*2.8	*1.7	*2.8	*4.2	*4.4
Construction	21.0	17.4	19.2	20.1	17.4	16.6
Wholesale trade	34.5	37.2	35.8	32.8	34.4	33.4
Retail trade	173.7	170.7	167.0	164.2	173.1	168.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	48.3	56.9	54.7	59.6	53.7	52.9
Transport and storage	20.9	23.7	25.7	21.6	24.5	26.7
Communication services	19.5	17.5	18.2	17.4	16.9	16.5
Finance and insurance	49.4	48.1	48.5	46.4	44.3	50.5
Property and business services	116.8	118.4	129.4	122.1	116.7	115.1
Government administration and defence	34.2	34.8	39.3	45.2	46.1	48.9
Education	93.6	99.8	108.3	102.6	96.3	102.0
Health and community services	156.8	158.7	161.1	156.3	171.8	172.1
Cultural and recreational services	24.9	28.4	28.0	34.4	27.2	25.6
Personal and other services	41.0	36.9	26.4	33.1	38.9	43.9
Total(b)	971.2	992.8	1 005.0	999.4	1 002.0	1 011.3
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	82.4	92.4	92.3	92.5	92.0	92.1
Mining	6.5	9.3	7.4	6.0	5.4	*3.9
Manufacturing	357.1	364.1	370.1	380.7	365.4	364.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	13.5	17.0	13.9	15.2	16.0	17.6
Construction	157.3	157.9	159.7	168.7	160.9	154.5
Wholesale trade	112.1	114.1	107.6	103.9	103.8	108.3
Retail trade	339.7	334.5	316.4	315.6	336.1	338.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	94.5	102.9	96.5	111.2	103.9	102.5
Transport and storage	92.7	96.5	98.5	99.9	106.5	107.5
Communication services	55.1	55.7	56.0	55.5	56.2	57.4
Finance and insurance	92.1	86.8	90.8	85.8	89.2	92.5
Property and business services	261.3	262.0	287.1	287.8	281.7	262.8
Government administration and defence	68.5	64.1	71.0	79.2	86.5	86.5
Education	141.6	144.0	155.8	144.8	144.3	154.2
Health and community services	198.3	202.7	212.0	205.0	224.4	222.4
Cultural and recreational services	56.6	60.8	63.5	65.6	60.0	57.6
Personal and other services	91.0	80.5	68.6	75.7	79.2	89.5
Total(b)	2 228.3	2 249.6	2 272.7	2 298.4	2 315.6	2 313.0

(a) From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional items and some minor definitional changes. Revisions have been made to core labour force estimates to ensure continuity, which have been published in Table 3. However, this table contains estimates which have not been revised, so data from April 2001 onwards are not strictly comparable with earlier unrevised data.

Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire (Cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (Cat. No. 6232.0).

(b) Total employed person counts for Feb 2000, May 2000, Aug 2000, Nov 2000 and Feb 2001 have been revised to reflect definitional changes introduced in April 2001 whilst counts of employed persons by industry, being non core data items, have not been revised. Hence the sum of each industry for the above reference periods will not add to total employed persons. See footnote (a) for further details.

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons	Public Sector	Private Sector	Job vacancy rate
	'000	'000	'000	%
2000				
February	27.0	4.4	22.5	1.33
May	26.2	6.7	19.5	1.28
August	38.8	4.1	34.7	1.86
November	35.2	5.0	30.2	1.69
2001				
February	29.5	3.7	25.7	1.41
May	23.8	3.2	20.6	1.11

Source: *Job Vacancies, Australia* (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly).

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Beginning in period	Disputes		Employees involved				Working days lost						
	no.	Total	Beginning in period	no.	'000	Total	'000	Manufacturing	Construction	'000	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total
1999													
November	17	21	17.8	17.9	5.2	19.6	—	—	—	0.6	25.4		
December	29	34	5.6	6.5	6.2	1.7	—	—	—	0.5	8.4		
2000													
January	19	24	2.7	2.9	3.9	2.4	—	—	—	0.8	7.1		
February	18	24	7.8	8.5	6.4	12.8	—	—	—	1.5	20.7		
March	17	21	4.9	8.1	4.9	10.4	2.0	—	—	2.4	19.7		
April	8	15	1.7	4.2	4.0	4.0	0.5	—	—	1.4	9.9		
May	22	26	8.7	8.9	1.9	7.0	—	—	—	0.5	9.4		
June	19	23	6.2	6.6	6.8	0.3	—	—	—	2.4	9.5		
July	22	27	7.3	9.9	1.0	3.6	2.0	—	—	0.5	7.1		
August	25	36	7.0	8.1	11.2	1.4	0.3	—	—	0.8	13.8		
September	21	31	10.4	12.0	8.0	2.0	0.7	—	—	0.6	11.4		
October	16	24	9.6	11.1	7.9	8.7	—	—	—	0.2	16.8		
November	22	28	2.2	2.6	5.4	0.9	—	—	—	0.8	7.1		
December	14	18	2.2	2.6	3.0	0.4	—	—	—	0.4	4.0		
2001													
January	18	21	2.6	2.7	2.2	1.3	—	—	—	0.1	3.6		
February	20	23	2.7	2.9	9.2	1.5	—	—	—	0.1	10.8		
March	22	25	11.1	11.8	3.6	8.2	—	—	—	1.5	13.3		
April	20	25	1.8	2.8	1.6	0.3	—	—	—	1.8	3.7		
May	17	20	7.8	8.3	6.8	4.3	—	—	—	2.3	13.5		

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
2000									
February	797.80	843.70	732.30	696.70	710.00	492.60	761.30	795.40	616.20
May	799.10	850.10	739.60	706.00	722.60	504.80	765.90	804.70	626.30
August	813.10	861.40	741.80	724.10	740.40	513.80	781.60	818.60	632.30
November	808.70	857.00	737.80	716.20	732.70	509.80	776.20	813.30	627.60
2001									
February	826.20	865.60	748.00	736.60	749.90	533.10	794.00	824.00	645.20
May	836.50	883.60	761.10	733.40	747.30	519.60	799.60	834.90	644.10

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX — MELBOURNE

Group	2000-01	2000				2001	
		Mar qtr	Jun qtr	Sep qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Jun qtr
Food	135.0	128.3	130.1	131.6	132.8	136.8	138.8
Alcohol and tobacco	192.4	176.5	177.3	187.6	189.1	194.8	198.0
Clothing and footwear	114.3	106.9	106.9	116.2	115.4	112.5	113.2
Housing	98.5	91.7	91.7	97.8	98.3	99.1	98.8
Household furnishings, supplies, and services	118.1	114.3	115.7	117.9	117.1	117.8	119.5
Health	175.1	170.2	170.9	171.9	172.8	177.8	177.7
Transportation	136.2	129.2	131.2	134.5	135.6	136.2	138.6
Communication	104.5	97.2	98.5	105.4	104.6	104.3	103.7
Recreation	126.6	122.7	122.4	127.8	127.4	126.1	125.1
Education	183.7	179.4	179.4	179.7	179.8	187.6	187.6
Miscellaneous	159.7	147.8	153.4	159.3	159.4	160.2	159.9
All groups	131.6	124.7	125.6	130.4	130.8	132.2	133.0
Weighted average of eight capital cities — all groups	132.2	125.2	126.2	130.9	131.3	132.7	133.8

Base of each group: year 1989-90=100.0.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING — MELBOURNE

2000-01

 Weighted
 average of six
 state capital
 cities—Jun qtr
 2001

Group	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Jun qtr	
House building							
All groups	118.0	121.7	123.1	123.4	122.8	123.1	124.4
Other than house building							
Structural timber	116.2	118.5	122.9	123.8	122.0	119.7	129.5
Clay bricks	119.6	123.8	130.6	130.7	130.7	130.6	128.0
Ready mix concrete	112.9	110.8	108.1	109.5	107.1	107.2	98.0
Precast concrete products	123.9	130.9	144.1	142.2	146.6	149.2	134.6
Steel decking and cladding	108.0	109.3	112.9	112.7	113.7	111.9	118.6
Structural steel	104.9	101.3	100.8	99.8	100.2	102.0	114.0
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	99.5	93.8	89.2	88.8	90.3	88.4	102.8
Aluminium windows	100.4	105.1	113.1	113.2	113.3	114.5	121.3
Fabricated steel products	124.7	125.6	125.5	125.2	126.1	126.0	119.9
Builders' hardware	122.7	127.6	135.5	134.2	134.2	138.4	139.8
Sand and aggregate	120.5	120.6	122.0	118.6	125.5	125.5	124.9
Carpet	100.1	98.9	94.4	94.4	96.1	93.7	97.3
Paint and other coatings	153.8	162.4	167.5	168.5	167.3	169.0	152.2
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	111.2	116.6	127.8	127.7	131.1	131.5	143.2
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	112.3	113.0	115.3	115.2	115.7	116.2	117.6
All electrical materials	112.4	116.8	116.2	115.9	117.1	118.8	121.4
All mechanical services	118.2	120.6	117.0	117.2	117.3	118.1	115.8
All plumbing materials	122.8	127.7	130.9	131.0	131.2	132.9	132.4
All groups	113.2	114.4	115.4	115.3	115.7	116.4	117.2

Base of each index: year 1989-90 = 100.0.

Source: *Producer Price Indexes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6427.0) (quarterly).**10**

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1998-99	1 751.3	714.4	3 079.6	6 699.4	1 572.8
1999-2000	1 523.8	678.5	3 816.0	7 144.5	1 443.7
2000-01	1 492.8	608.9	4 089.8	7 965.7	1 065.6
2000					
April	106.9	26.4	273.0	515.7	110.1
May	140.7	50.1	341.0	655.0	126.7
June	131.3	74.0	289.6	654.9	107.2
July	108.6	82.8	272.2	620.1	93.8
August	127.6	189.8	304.9	704.1	103.4
September	114.5	111.8	288.5	624.8	80.1
October	129.5	51.9	347.2	735.5	84.2
November	135.4	13.8	370.7	765.0	90.4
December	121.0	5.7	282.0	632.7	86.8
2001					
January	134.4	6.0	382.4	675.9	84.7
February	135.6	5.2	406.4	654.8	83.6
March	131.8	14.0	418.6	672.1	90.5
April	110.1	19.4	307.0	592.3	87.3
May	136.9	46.8	397.8	705.8	95.9
June	107.3	61.7	312.2	582.6	84.8
July	111.2	77.8	305.9	538.1	88.6

Source: ABS data available on request, *Monthly Livestock Collection*.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

	Meat (carcass weight)				
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1998-99	398 815	14 225	r 61 646	r 128 380	r 114 582
1999-2000	r 351 273	r 13 370	r 76 719	r 140 215	r 106 690
2000-01	347 920	r 11 842	81 965	r 155 540	78 954
2000					
April	24 523	533	5 268	10 200	7 866
May	32 077	970	6 634	13 158	9 689
June	29 732	1 397	5 797	12 955	8 119
July	25 181	1 534	5 791	12 311	7 077
August	29 353	3 638	6 555	14 079	7 875
September	26 829	2 268	5 989	12 304	6 047
October	31 100	991	7 414	14 161	6 174
November	32 630	281	7 827	14 895	6 735
December	27 544	131	5 931	12 171	6 758
2001					
January	31 525	138	7 673	13 000	6 260
February	31 995	115	7 755	12 925	5 975
March	30 517	283	7 699	13 056	6 499
April	24 948	378	5 761	11 309	6 424
May	31 783	900	7 597	13 912	6 846
June	24 515	1 184	5 973	11 419	6 284
July	26 320	1 476	5 978	10 384	6 694

Source: ABS data available on request, *Monthly Livestock Collection*.

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NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under	Completed
			construction(a)				construction(a)	
no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1997-98	27 937	26 004	12 368	22 425	7 412	7 598	5 148	6 542
1998-99	29 245	29 165	14 455	26 926	8 861	8 307	6 198	7 029
1999-2000	36 474	34 716	17 861	31 231	12 045	11 725	9 715	8 105
1999								
December qtr	9 671	8 817	15 741	8 719	2 558	2 680	8 910	1 566
2000								
March qtr	9 663	8 975	18 128	6 569	3 883	2 856	9 509	2 220
June qtr	7 547	8 769	17 861	9 004	2 384	2 835	9 715	2 617
September qtr	5 558	6 138	15 780	8 224	2 433	2 430	9 555	2 516
December qtr	5 628	5 903	13 821	7 826	2 340	1 746	9 197	2 066
2001								
March qtr	6 176	5 611	13 343	6 037	2 816	2 986	10 464	1 702

(a) Under construction at the end of the period.

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly); *Building Approvals, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8731.2) (quarterly).

	New dwelling units(a)										Non-residential building(c)
	Private sector			Public sector			Total(b)		Alterations, additions and conversions(d)		
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	Total all building
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1998-99	28 615	3 550.4	666	49.6	29 276	3 600.0	800.3	1 918.6	2 642.3	6 376.8	
1999-2000	37 091	5 091.3	611	51.1	37 702	5 142.4	1 019.4	2 223.4	2 650.9	8 812.7	
2000-01	r 26 228	r 4 073.3	378	38.3	r 26 606	r 4 111.7	990.4	2 657.3	3 467.9	r 8 569.9	
2000											
April	2 548	336.3	30	2.3	2 578	338.6	97.8	228.5	286.3	722.7	
May	2 524	357.7	40	3.5	2 564	361.2	83.7	158.1	173.4	618.3	
June	2 434	344.8	43	3.3	2 477	348.1	93.3	283.2	305.4	746.7	
July	2 319	395.7	36	3.0	2 355	398.7	114.9	284.8	520.5	1 034.1	
August	1 948	291.2	32	3.1	1 980	294.3	88.8	193.0	227.8	610.9	
September	r 1 921	r 273.6	32	3.3	r 1 953	r 276.9	57.1	179.3	216.2	r 550.2	
October	1 380	207.8	68	6.7	1 448	214.5	87.3	147.0	178.3	480.1	
November	r 2 302	r 355.4	15	1.1	r 2 317	r 356.5	82.8	194.8	237.9	r 677.2	
December	r 2 377	r 393.7	11	1.7	r 2 388	r 395.4	63.2	240.2	260.6	r 719.1	
2001											
January	1 983	310.2	51	4.9	2 034	315.1	59.0	157.9	225.7	599.9	
February	2 490	359.9	25	3.3	2 515	363.2	73.9	183.1	232.7	669.8	
March	2 582	433.4	19	2.9	2 601	436.2	106.7	277.0	434.6	977.5	
April	r 1 810	r 285.3	19	2.5	r 1 829	r 287.9	63.3	282.2	309.3	r 660.5	
May	r 2 729	r 414.7	15	1.5	r 2 744	r 416.2	97.1	370.7	451.1	r 964.5	
June	r 2 387	r 352.4	55	4.4	r 2 442	r 356.8	96.2	147.3	173.1	r 626.1	
July	2 672	402.3	138	16.4	2 810	418.7	92.8	193.1	214.9	726.4	
TOTAL VICTORIA											
1998-99	37 212	4 484.7	894	67.2	38 106	4 551.9	951.2	2 262.5	3 125.7	8 628.8	
1999-2000	47 732	6 352.9	787	65.1	48 519	6 418.0	1 211.0	2 618.8	3 211.8	10 840.8	
2000-01	r 33 779	r 5 062.3	469	48.3	r 34 248	r 5 110.6	1 190.8	3 045.9	4 058.1	r 10 359.5	
2000											
April	3 334	433.0	39	3.0	3 373	436.0	112.8	253.6	323.7	872.5	
May	3 335	456.0	49	4.2	3 384	460.3	103.5	213.2	240.2	804.0	
June	3 126	425.9	49	3.8	3 175	429.7	111.6	324.2	350.7	892.0	
July	2 851	462.1	38	3.1	2 889	465.2	125.7	310.3	560.1	1 151.0	
August	2 512	364.7	59	5.3	2 571	370.0	104.9	219.0	267.7	742.7	
September	2 499	342.8	32	3.3	2 531	346.1	73.0	226.9	292.9	712.0	
October	1 963	284.0	71	7.3	2 034	291.3	108.0	188.6	228.7	628.1	
November	2 964	437.5	15	1.1	2 979	438.5	97.8	226.5	290.4	826.7	
December	2 939	467.5	16	2.5	2 955	470.0	79.4	280.1	311.7	861.1	
2001											
January	2 514	381.4	58	5.9	2 572	387.3	73.2	181.5	266.8	727.3	
February	3 132	446.3	28	4.0	3 160	450.3	89.4	202.7	257.8	797.6	
March	3 237	524.8	23	3.7	3 260	528.5	126.1	323.0	501.5	1 156.2	
April	r 2 405	r 362.5	24	3.1	r 2 429	r 365.6	78.8	307.3	346.9	r 791.2	
May	r 3 604	r 528.3	36	3.7	r 3 640	r 532.0	116.7	404.8	517.2	r 1 165.9	
June	r 3 159	r 460.3	69	5.5	r 3 228	r 465.8	117.7	175.2	216.2	r 799.7	
July	3 547	523.4	170	20.6	3 717	544.0	108.9	230.3	289.2	942.1	

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(c) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(d) Includes alterations and additions creating dwellings, alterations and additions not creating dwellings and conversions.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (quarterly).

	Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings						
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other	Total
			\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMENCED									
1997-98	3 850.5	891.1	598.5	241.8	428.6	270.9	250.2	1 399.8	7 931.4
1998-99	4 496.3	987.2	444.1	263.6	428.1	485.0	239.9	1 186.0	8 530.2
1999-2000	6 361.5	1 295.6	557.3	386.6	484.5	592.5	316.4	925.9	10 920.3
1999									
December qtr	1 544.5	278.8	110.4	65.8	176.6	83.2	75.9	188.1	2 523.2
2000									
March qtr	1 652.2	327.1	119.9	90.0	115.1	124.2	103.4	251.7	2 783.6
June qtr	1 623.9	384.6	208.0	161.3	109.2	299.0	65.5	244.0	3 095.5
September qtr	1 361.2	268.2	168.5	64.9	119.0	87.7	45.1	337.6	2 452.2
December qtr	1 160.5	301.4	128.7	52.0	173.5	153.9	49.4	242.3	2 261.8
2001									
March qtr	1 355.5	238.1	81.3	60.9	185.4	255.3	127.8	195.8	2 500.2
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1997-98	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6
1998-99	2 745.1	451.3	420.8	120.9	190.2	485.8	243.5	1 611.2	6 268.8
1999-2000	4 199.8	595.7	473.3	224.7	217.6	711.1	291.8	1 028.7	7 742.4
1999									
December qtr	3 493.2	561.2	305.7	110.0	206.0	491.7	219.6	1 433.6	6 821.0
2000									
March qtr	4 063.0	654.0	367.9	136.6	229.7	504.9	283.1	1 104.6	7 343.9
June qtr	4 199.8	595.7	473.3	224.7	217.6	711.1	291.8	1 028.7	7 742.4
September qtr	4 171.4	608.7	626.6	195.2	234.1	593.5	259.2	1 088.6	7 777.3
December qtr	3 951.6	658.7	587.4	183.4	296.5	662.7	267.8	1 029.3	7 637.4
2001									
March qtr	4 179.6	655.5	576.0	188.5	351.1	799.8	360.3	1 007.7	8 118.6
COMPLETED									
1997-98	3 213.6	866.6	474.7	338.4	449.4	283.2	208.2	1 738.4	7 572.4
1998-99	4 068.1	992.4	487.3	294.3	524.9	328.5	305.1	1 110.3	8 111.0
1999-2000	5 049.6	1 193.5	573.2	292.4	462.3	409.0	284.1	1 606.9	9 871.0
1999									
December qtr	1 319.3	260.9	277.4	75.1	101.6	124.1	94.0	265.3	2 517.6
2000									
March qtr	1 114.1	247.4	69.9	65.5	91.9	119.6	40.6	605.8	2 354.8
June qtr	1 541.0	449.9	109.5	75.7	121.8	115.1	68.3	360.5	2 841.8
September qtr	1 490.9	276.7	95.4	91.2	102.1	209.9	73.6	289.5	2 629.3
December qtr	1 401.3	259.6	177.5	70.5	120.3	84.9	56.9	317.8	2 488.7
2001									
March qtr	1 135.9	258.4	93.9	54.4	122.5	134.3	44.3	207.8	2 051.4

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1998-99	1 234	2 954	7 180	11 368	3 211	8 157
1999-2000	615	3 363	6 999	10 977	2 761	8 217
1999						
December qtr	194	928	1 849	2 970	711	2 260
2000						
March qtr	66	721	1 622	2 409	595	1 814
June qtr	151	796	1 819	2 766	656	2 110
September qtr	77	965	1 623	2 665	566	2 099
December qtr	108	767	1 727	2 602	594	2 008
2001						
March qtr	77	590	1 556	2 222	432	1 790
EXPECTED						
2000-01	501	3 226	6 593	10 320	2 148	8 172
2001-02	639	2 610	5 159	8 408	1 361	7 047

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Construction	Fixed loan facilities						Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments
	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total			
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m			
2000								
April	137.3	536.1	185.9	161.6	506.5	1 527.5	1 396.7	2 924.2
May	149.4	706.6	217.7	45.0	549.6	1 668.2	2 580.0	4 248.2
June	186.8	775.7	351.5	86.3	1 979.7	3 380.0	1 642.0	5 021.9
July	234.7	563.5	178.6	93.8	720.1	1 790.8	1 486.8	3 277.5
August	176.5	549.2	225.1	77.3	809.9	1 838.0	1 100.3	2 938.3
September	155.5	509.4	225.7	71.0	896.4	1 858.1	1 947.3	3 805.4
October	160.4	523.3	179.2	66.1	989.0	1 918.0	1 203.5	3 121.5
November	181.7	581.8	204.1	105.3	497.9	1 570.8	1 464.4	3 035.2
December	134.6	527.8	223.4	93.7	651.9	1 631.3	2 353.6	3 984.9
2001								
January	115.7	555.7	172.6	92.8	491.3	1 428.1	1 591.2	3 019.3
February	97.1	516.2	196.1	50.1	1 641.2	2 500.5	1 825.1	4 325.6
March	240.9	660.0	240.7	70.6	1 362.9	2 575.0	1 508.0	4 083.0
April	133.5	617.8	249.9	65.0	422.5	1 488.7	1 369.9	2 858.6
May	74.9	819.3	228.1	75.0	1 395.0	2 592.2	1 834.2	4 426.5
June	143.4	1 101.3	283.8	81.4	1 717.6	3 327.6	1 884.8	5 212.3

Source: ABS data available on request, Lending Finance Collection.

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
2000						
April	8 681	1 172	9 348	1 307	10 184	1 364
May	12 592	1 622	11 361	1 458	9 933	1 313
June	9 352	1 250	8 690	1 152	9 789	1 271
July	9 305	1 165	9 719	1 214	9 775	1 245
August	10 911	1 367	10 482	1 335	9 904	1 242
September	9 368	1 166	9 634	1 203	10 102	1 255
October	10 210	1 252	10 076	1 234	10 297	1 280
November	11 282	1 388	10 888	1 335	10 413	1 307
December	10 153	1 330	10 937	1 410	r 10 447	r 1 333
2001						
January	9 104	1 231	10 472	1 388	r 10 436	r 1 363
February	9 349	1 230	9 651	1 284	r 10 506	r 1 407
March	11 278	1 561	10 723	1 469	r 10 657	r 1 458
April	10 197	1 412	10 502	1 480	r 10 896	r 1 517
May	13 146	1 821	11 967	1 674	r 11 171	r 1 577
June	12 094	1 737	11 591	1 656	11 456	1 630

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
			\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
2000								
May	1 180.1	265.3	248.2	349.8	118.9	305.2	393.8	2 861.3
June	1 173.5	298.6	279.7	416.3	124.1	313.6	399.9	3 005.8
July	1 211.9	202.4	173.1	316.4	115.5	294.2	394.1	2 707.6
August	1 236.0	234.6	189.4	340.4	124.0	315.0	414.1	2 853.6
September	1 216.2	245.9	193.9	341.3	130.7	311.2	408.4	2 847.6
October	1 253.7	264.7	202.4	353.7	124.5	354.3	418.4	2 971.6
November	1 296.2	302.9	240.8	385.8	136.9	375.1	425.2	3 163.0
December	1 515.4	543.4	350.2	481.6	207.5	504.7	480.6	4 083.3
2001								
January	1 309.7	240.0	212.4	366.5	141.2	312.4	428.0	3 010.1
February	1 228.9	202.0	182.3	336.7	117.2	317.8	411.2	2 796.0
March	1 365.9	261.7	228.7	361.7	130.3	341.8	475.0	3 165.1
April	1 299.1	259.1	r 227.7	358.2	119.8	333.6	456.3	3 053.8
May	1 301.8	269.0	231.4	389.6	131.7	374.6	461.8	3 159.9
June	1 261.3	256.4	222.4	421.3	133.2	357.5	466.7	3 118.7
July	1 284.7	270.8	216.2	417.7	134.3	387.1	488.0	3 198.5

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS(a)

	2000-01		One month ending July 2001	
	Imports \$m	Exports \$m	Imports \$m	Exports \$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food(b)(c)	1 430	r 5 772	120	507
1 Beverages and tobacco(b)(c)	211	r 228	15	18
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)(b)(c)	677	r 2 163	49	152
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials(c)	r 2 309	r 1 395	171	144
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(b)(c)	96	108	8	9
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.(b)(c)	r 3 857	r 1 258	305	131
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material(b)(c)	4 773	r 2 902	394	229
7 Machinery and transport equipment(b)(c)	r 15 436	r 4 084	1 270	308
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)(c)	r 6 205	r 1 403	544	130
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c.(d)	1 494	r 3 200	100	271
Total	r 36 488	r 22 512	2 975	1 900

(a) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

(b) Excludes export commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 9.

(c) Excludes imports commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 9.

(d) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction.

Source: ABS data available on request, *International Merchandise Trade*.

	1999–2000		2000–01		One month ending July 2001	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
Country	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium–Luxembourg	258	110	275	168	22	10
Brazil	105	46	123	70	13	4
Canada	445	135	412	194	29	19
China	3 029	1 124	3 891	r 1 431	337	106
Fiji	194	286	142	361	12	27
Finland	187	9	227	10	20	1
France	622	136	748	156	63	14
Germany	2 402	397	2 585	r 506	229	28
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	403	945	408	r 1 064	31	87
India	262	193	292	r 220	26	31
Indonesia	893	295	1 049	r 391	93	54
Italy	1 036	332	1 028	r 464	94	34
Japan	4 416	1 860	4 828	r 2 247	414	170
Korea, Republic of	870	1 236	1 065	r 1 308	69	103
Malaysia	1 118	514	1 037	r 531	97	48
Mexico	111	74	130	157	11	9
Netherlands	318	105	r 302	150	27	12
New Zealand	1 491	2 297	1 535	r 1 876	154	171
Pakistan	85	56	112	76	6	5
Papua New Guinea	67	139	22	r 145	1	8
Philippines	163	385	175	r 474	13	41
Saudi Arabia	221	704	314	1 206	1	137
Singapore	632	1 475	685	r 1 517	49	90
South Africa	166	229	207	r 204	19	20
Sweden	607	29	541	28	33	3
Switzerland	319	40	342	47	35	3
Taiwan	922	835	959	r 816	72	44
Thailand	673	439	802	r 492	68	52
United Kingdom	1 793	694	1 842	r 697	150	39
United States of America	7 701	1 630	r 7 379	r 2 072	565	221
Other and unknown	2 208	2 285	3 031	r 3 434	222	309
Total	33 717	19 034	r 36 488	r 22 512	2 975	1 900

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: ABS data available upon request, *International Merchandise Trade*.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE — VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria		Australia		
	Imports \$m	Exports \$m	Imports \$m	Exports (including re-exports) \$m	Excess of exports \$m
1999-2000	33 717	19 034	110 078	97 286	-12 792
2000-01	r 36 488	r 22 512	118 264	r 119 560	r 1 296
2000					
May	2 998	1 705	10 370	9 219	-1 151
June	2 976	1 564	10 436	9 193	-1 243
July	2 908	1 640	9 755	9 367	-388
August	3 319	1 763	10 716	9 374	-1 342
September	3 041	1 852	9 852	9 779	-73
October	3 442	2 205	11 154	10 551	-603
November	3 443	1 949	11 006	10 431	-575
December	2 819	1 836	9 250	10 294	1 044
2001					
January	2 882	1 485	9 230	r 8 327	r -903
February	2 711	1 903	8 322	r 9 224	r 902
March	r 3 076	r 2 074	r 9 932	r 10 574	642
April	r 2 955	r 1 835	r 9 575	r 10 312	737
May	r 3 073	r 1 988	9 985	r 10 696	r 711
June	r 2 819	r 1 983	r 9 479	r 10 632	r 1 153
July	2 975	1 900	9 651	10 604	953

Source: ABS data available on request, International Merchandise Trade.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied '000	Room occupancy rate %	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation \$'000
1999							
June	698	30 766	85 247	1 545.6	55.4	21 725	170 130
September	698	30 934	85 483	1 589.5	56.0	21 780	184 105
December	705	31 317	86 058	1 672.7	58.1	21 633	191 644
2000							
March	707	31 332	86 134	1 773.4	62.3	21 498	212 986
June	705	31 384	86 372	1 628.9	57.1	21 586	185 332
September	703	31 158	85 719	1 608.7	56.2	21 784	202 914
December	701	31 155	85 238	1 698.9	59.4	21 700	212 463
2001							
March	706	32 023	87 185	1 787.2	62.1	21 890	235 877

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0) (quarterly).

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